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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter today, from my Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its attachment, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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Annex

Letter dated 14 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina reaffirms its firm commitment to the peace process in the territory of the former Yugoslavia and it reaffirms also its readiness to cooperate and facilitate the functioning of the United Nations peace-keeping troops in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council. In this context we offer our full support to the arrival and activities of the Rapid Reaction Forces.

It is because of this that my Government has complied with the arrival and temporary deployment of these forces in the vicinity of Tomislavgrad, although there had not been any official announcement of this deployment at the time. Pursuant to the UNPROFOR request to have a part of these troops deployed on Mount Igman, the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and HVO gave their approval the same day and consequently the troops were deployed in this location.

In the discussions with H.E. Mr. Carl Bildt, H.E. Mr. Yasushi Akashi and General Janvier, President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Kresimir Zubak, has insisted, in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Nations on the Status of Forces of the UNPF in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SOFA), concluded on 15 May 1993, that a separate agreement or annex to the above-mentioned agreement be concluded on the status, accommodation, movement, activities and other aspects of these troops' presence. In this sense, a draft Agreement has been submitted to UNPROFOR and a range of discussions have been held in Zagreb, Sarajevo, and Gornji Vakuf. This draft Agreement generally defines the relations between the Government of the Federation and Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and these forces. The Government of the Republic and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is prepared to act fully in accordance with this draft agreement, if this agreement is to be concluded. Unfortunately, UNPROFOR representatives have not yet decidedly determined their position on the submitted draft. Our Government continues to believe that the reasons for the conclusion of an annex to the SOFA Agreement still exist. Therefore we kindly ask for your acceptance of our legitimate request.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Minister